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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am not an expert in that line. If a separate question is put, I will be able to answer."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Have these dogs proved their usefulness for police purposes?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir. They have proved very useful in certain cases."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" What are the functions of these dogs? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It is better not to explain them in the public interest."

Grant of land to political sufferers.

* 949 Q.—SRI N. V. L. NARASIMHA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the policy of the Government was to grant lands only to poor political sufferers, or to other political sufferers also;

(b) whether the Ministers to whom the land was assigned come under the category; and

(c) how many plots of land that were in possession of the Harijans were granted to political sufferers?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"(a) When the policy of assignment of land to political sufferers was in force, land was granted to political sufferers irrespective of the fact whether the political sufferer was rich or poor.

" (b) They come under the category of political sufferers.

" (c) Two thousand three hundred and ninety-five acres which had been under the sivoijama occupation of Harijans and landless poor persons were granted to political sufferers."

SRI C. PULLA REDDI :—" Is it a fact, that under the rules governing the assignment of land to political sufferers, the land will be resumed if it is not cultivated within three years? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The hon. Member is quite right."

SRI K. SUBBA REDDI :—" Is it not a fact that the land allotted to landless poor in Palnad taluk has been reallotted to the political sufferers who are not real political sufferers and who are now residing at Guntur? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELUU NAICKER :—" Palnad question requires fresh notice."

SRI M. LAKSHMANASWAMY :—" Have the Government any proposal to compensate the landless poor whose lands have been resumed by the Government? "

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Only after the persons acquire a right, the question of compensation arises."

SRI P. SHYAMASUNDAR RAO :—" రాజకీయబాధితుడు కానివాడికి, అందుకే Justice Party కి చెందిన ఒక భూస్వామికి పశ్చిమ గోదావరి జిల్లా వీరవాసరం గ్రామంలో బీదలు సాగుచేసుకుంటున్న భూమి ఒకటి గ్రామానికి స్మశానభూమిగా ఉపయోగిస్తున్న దిబ్బ ఒకటి రాజకీయబాధితుడనే ముద్రవేసి భూమిని ఇచ్చినారనే విషయం ప్రభుత్వంవారి దృష్టికి తీసుకొని రాబడింది. అయితే దానిమీద ఏమి చర్య తీసుకొన్నారు? ఇంకను ఎట్టి చర్య తీసుకొనకపోయినట్లయితే ఇకముందైనా తగు చర్య తీసుకొంటారా? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I require notice for this question."

SRI M. NARAYANASWAMI :—"Is it not a fact that Mr. Sanjeeva Reddi has not cultivated the land which he got as a political sufferer for the last three years and that the land still remains with him? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The hon. Member seems to know more about it than I do."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Will the Government call for the information? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" If we follow the advice of Sri Nagi Reddi, we will be considered to be persecuting."

SRI V. SRI KRISHNA :—" Will the Hon. Minister tell us whether the Government have gone back to the same old policy of their predecessors in respect of the assignment of lands to political sufferers even after they have been once forced to change their previous policy? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Evidently the hon. Member is not reading newspapers. Several press communiques have been released, and the latest communique clarifies all doubts."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" Have the Government received any representation from Mr. Kottan of Kayaralam in Chirakkal taluk and Mr. Kunhikanna Poduval of Chavayur in Kozhikode taluk, to the effect that rich political sufferers of the leader category are allowed to retain the lands assigned to them as a compensation for their political suffering and that the lands assigned to the rank and file of political sufferers have been taken back or the assignees asked to stop cultivating them? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" This is a question relating to a particular district, and I want notice."

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SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" In view of the ceaseless accusation and charges against the principle of assignment of land to political sufferers, will the Government be pleased to appoint a small committee to review the matter? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" A certain thing was done. When we want to disentangle ourselves from it, several difficulties naturally arose and are still arising. I am quite aware of the feeling in the matter and the hon. Members are aware of my own feeling. But we must admit that there are considerable difficulties when we want to do something about what is either wrong or believed to be wrong and when already certain developments have taken place. If we now appoint a committee, it will complicate matters even more."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question hour is over. The answers to the rest of the questions will be printed in the proceedings."

Nellore Thermal station.

* 950 *Q.*—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of units of electricity now generated on an average by the Nellore Thermal station in October, November and December 1952; and

(*b*) the number of units of electricity that are now sold to, and utilized by consumers for industrial, lighting and agricultural purposes in the months of October, November and December 1952?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) 385,420 units monthly on the average.

" (*b*) Industrial—122,650 units—
Lighting 107,117.
Agricultural 963.
On the average per month."

Collection of property tax in Nellore.

* 951 *Q.*—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the demand for collection of property tax in Nellore by the Nellore Municipality was suspended from 1st October 1951 up to 31st January 1953; and if so, whether the Commissioner, Nellore Municipality, had applied for and obtained approval from the Government for such suspension of demand; and

(*b*) whether the suspension of demand for collection of property tax was made by a general order of the Government and whether it is applicable to all municipalities in the State covering the period in (*a*) and if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place a copy of the said order on the Table of the House and furnish reasons for passing such an order?